



2017 Acquired Brain Injury Clinical Continuing Education Certificate

- Date:** January 26-27, 2017, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Cost:** \$500 BIA-MA Members, \$550 Non-members (includes lunch)
- Register:** Go to www.biama.org/abitraining
- Venue:** UMASS Medical School Campus
Amphitheater - 2nd Floor
333 South Street
Shrewsbury, MA 01545
- Faculty:** Francesca LaVecchia, Ph.D.
- Summary:** This two-day training will provide participants with a comprehensive overview of ABI, its potential long-term consequences, and recommended interventions.
- Background:** Service providers and staff, working in community mental health settings, residential, and other programs serving this population, have identified the need for specialized training with respect to ABI. In response to these educational needs, BIA-MA has developed, in collaboration with experts in the field of brain injury, an Acquired Brain Injury Clinical Continuing Education Program designed to enhance the knowledge, expertise, and skills of clinicians, program administrators, case managers, and other professionals, providing supports and services to individuals with ABI and their families.



Sponsored by the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts

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Learning Objectives: In this two-day training program, participants will learn to describe:

- The structural and functional components of the brain and other central nervous system (CNS) structures.
- The epidemiology and descriptions of the major categories and subtypes of Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), including brain tumors, traumatic brain injury, vascular, toxic, metabolic, and infectious disorders.
- Factors which influence outcome, with respect to the various types of ABI.
- The neurocognitive, sensorimotor, neurobehavioral/neuropsychiatric, and other consequences of ABI, and the correlation of these disorders with the type of ABI, severity and site(s) of injury within the brain.
- Principles of post-acute case management, including recommended assessments, rehabilitation and other strategies.

Faculty: Francesca LaVecchia, Ph.D. - Dr. LaVecchia is a senior level clinician with over 40 years experience in the field of clinical neuropsychology, rehabilitation, and neurobehavioral treatment. From 1985-2013, Dr. LaVecchia held the position of Chief Neuropsychologist for the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, and in that capacity was instrumental in the development of clinically-informed, community-based services for individuals living with acquired brain injury, including the Massachusetts Statewide Head Injury Program (SHIP), the first publicly-funded agency in the United States, established to meet the needs of persons who have sustained traumatic brain injury and their families. With respect to her faculty appointments, Dr. LaVecchia served as Assistant Professor of Anatomy and Cellular Biology at Tufts University School of Medicine, where she was a member of the medical neurosciences teaching faculty for 25 years. Since 1983, she has also served as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine, where she is a member of the Behavioral Neuroscience doctoral program core faculty.

Who should attend?

- Audiologists
- Certified Brain Injury Trainers
- Neuropsychologists
- Physical Therapists
- Social Workers
- Program Directors/Managers of residential, day and other programs that serve persons with ABI.
- Case Managers
- Family Counselors
- Nurses
- Psychologists
- Speech-Language Pathologists
- Certified Brain Injury Specialists
- Mental Health Clinicians
- Occupational Therapists
- Rehabilitation Counselors

Continuing Education Units:

- Commonwealth Educational Seminars provides CE's (in part) for the following clinical fields: Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHC), Nurses, Psychologists, Social Workers.

- Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists: This ABI Certificate is offered for 1.3 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level, Related area).



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- For detailed information on continuing education credit, including the speaker's financial and non-financial relationships, visit www.biama.org/ABItraining.